

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-6, 8-21, 23-26, and 28-30 are pending in the application, of which claims 1, 10, 17, and 26 are independent. Claim 17 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 22, which has been cancelled. Claims 23-25 have been amended to change the claim dependency from claim 22 (which has been cancelled) to claim 17. No new matter is embraced by this amendment and its entry is respectfully requested. Based on the remarks set forth below, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

***Allowed Subject Matter***

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowed claims 1-6, 8-16, 26, and 28-30.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated, on page 5 of the Office Action, that claims 22-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Independent claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 22. In light of this amendment, it is respectfully submitted that claims 17-21 are now in condition for allowance.

***Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102***

The Examiner, on page 2 of the Office Action, has rejected claims 17, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,745,126 to Jain *et al.* As indicated above, Applicants have amended claim 17 with the allowable subject matter of claim 22, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

***Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103***

The Examiner, on page 3 of the Office Action, has rejected claims 18 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,745,126 to Jain *et al.* (hereinafter “Jain”) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0101519 to Myers. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Based on the remarks set forth below, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 18 and 21 depend from independent claim 17. As indicated above, claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 22. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of dependent claims 18 and 21.

***Conclusion***

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all currently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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